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In re the application of: Eugene Bell

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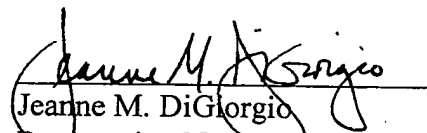
Dear Sir:

Applicant and his attorney are aware of the following publications and information, listed on the attached PTO Form 1449, and in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97 hereby submit these publications for the Examiner's consideration. Copies of references cited in an International Search Report mailed March 17, 2000 during the prosecution of PCT/US99/24354 which corresponds to the above referenced application, have been enclosed. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3), Applicant hereby submits these publications for the Examiner's consideration.

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